

1. A semi-automatic firearm, comprising:  
a <sup>16</sup>magazine;  
a <sup>10</sup>frame with a magazine well for receiving the magazine;  
a <sup>14</sup>slide removably mounted on the frame, wherein the slide includes a cartridge ejection port and may be in a chamber closed position and a chamber open position;  
a <sup>30</sup>striker firing-pin assembly mounted within the slide;  
a firing mechanism having a <sup>24</sup>trigger, a <sup>26</sup>trigger bar, and a <sup>28</sup>sear; and  
an access port disposed in the slide;  
wherein when the slide is in said chamber closed position, said sear is accessible through said access port.

**Claim 10**

Please replace Claim 10 with the following:

10. A semi-automatic firearm, comprising:  
a frame;  
a slide removably mounted on the frame;  
a firing mechanism; and  
an access port disposed in the slide, said access port being separate from a cartridge ejection port formed in said slide;  
wherein the firing mechanism is accessible through the access port and can be manipulated to allow removal of the slide from the frame.

**Claims 14 and 15**

Please cancel Claims 14 and 15.

**In the Drawings**

Applicant is submitting herewith new formal drawings to replace the informal drawings now on file.